

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 21-31 are pending, with claims 21 and 25 being independent claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

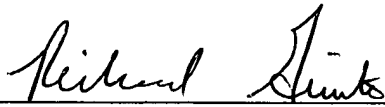
Applicants note with appreciation that claims 21-31 have been indicated as allowed on page 6 of the Office Action. Claims 1-20 having been canceled, all pending claims of the application (i.e., claims 21-31) are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant, hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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